

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: September 8, 2015
Presenter: Will Doerfer, NCACC/ICMA Management Fellow
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: Monthly Activity and Accomplishment Report

SUMMARY: This is a monthly report to keep the Board apprised of the activities in which the NCACC/ICMA Fellow has engaged.

RECOMMEND: RECEIVE REPORT AND COMMENT/QUESTION AS DESIRED.

Motion Made By: ___ Barry Swindell
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Will Doerfer
Special Assistant County Manager
NCACC/ICMA Local Government Management Fellow
Monthly Report for August 2015:

- Ocracoke Board Meeting and EMS Site Tour
- Ocracoke EMS site project including:
 - Pictures of inside of buildings
 - Meetings with property owners
 - Meeting with potential future partners in a Hyde County Government Center, Ocracoke Campus
 - Designed rough site plans for both sites
 - Arranged survey of both sites
- Beaufort-Hyde Community Foundation lunch and grantee tour
 - Organized lunch on the Bayview Ferry
 - Visited BeGlobal Community Gardens in Aurora, NC and Mattamuskeet Senior Center
- IOMAX flare tests at Hyde County Airport
- Monthly ferry meeting at Ocracoke Community Center
- Reviewed grant funding request from Metropolitan Community Health
- Requested and obtained budget tracking spreadsheet from Hertford County
- Keeping up to date on regional news by reading *Ocracoke Observer*, *Coastland Times*, and *County Lines*
- Began process of instituting a monthly or weekly rotation for department heads to submit editorials/news stories to *Coastland Times* in order to spread all the good news going on in Hyde County
- Met with reporter from *Virginia Monitor* regarding derelict vessels in Engelhard
- Attended Waterways Commission meeting
- Spent half day with Sheriff Cahoon riding around the County, discussed issues, and future funding opportunities
- Attended the NCACC Conference in Greenville
 - Ethics training
 - *Start With Why* seminar
 - NCCCMA Strategic Planning session
 - Fellows breakfast with Kevin Leonard, Neil Emory, David Nicholson, and several managers from across the state
- Spearheading a community gardens project with Extension office, Economic Development, DSS, Health Center, and several community members.

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Presenter: Chairman, Vice-Chair, Commissioners and Manager
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

SUMMARY: This is a time for each Commissioner to give reports on their work representing the County.

Additionally, Commissioners may wish to bring up issues they wish to have followed up by the Board or by the County Manager.

The County Manager will give an oral update on various projects and other administrative matters.

RECOMMEND: Receive reports. Discussion, possible action as necessary.

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Manager's Calendar (July, 2015)

W	1	American Red Cross Blood Drive Met with Will Faircloth, Corrinne Gibbs, Clint Berry
TH	2	Vacation Day
F	3	Holiday
S	4	Independence Day
S	5	
M	6	Phone Conference with Fred Holscher Phone Conference with Hood Richardson Visit from Michael Kelly, NCACC Board of Commissioners Meeting
T	7	Staff Meeting Beaufort County Board of Commissioners - Vidant
W	8	Phone Meeting with Commissioner Fletcher Phone Meeting with NCDOT - Loop Rd., Jeff Rider and Ron
TH	9	Met with Neil Emory, NCACC Ferry to Ocracoke Ocracoke Board of Adjustments Meeting
F	10	Tour House on British Cemetery on Ocracoke with Mary & Carl Teeter
S	11	
S	12	
M	13	Ferry Meeting on Ocracoke
T	14	Ferry to Swan Quarter Phone Conference with Steve Keen, Governors Connect NC (Kris) Meeting at Carawans - Lodge Annex - ARM Tour Lodge and other Properties with Will Doerfer, Jamin, Rob, Contractors
W	15	Engelhard Airport Meeting - IOMAX - Ron Howard with Will Doerfer, Kris Noble, Earl Pugh, Justin Gibbs and Jane Hodges
TH	16	Ferry to Ocracoke Attended Ocracoke Planning Board Meeting
F	17	Phone Conference with Jamin Simmons - Carawan Discussion/Offer
S	18	
S	19	Ferry to Swan Quarter
M	20	
T	21	Attended NC Rural Center Economic Development Meeting in Williamston Attended Joint Land Use (JLUS) Meeting - MATRIX - TIGER Team in Washington
W	22	Attended RPO Meeting @ College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City
TH	23	Met with Lloyd Griffin - RPO
F	24	Hatteras Ferry to Ocracoke
S	25	Tour with Earl Pugh - EMS Properties
S	26	Toured 390 Back Rd.
M	27	Attended Assets (ARM) Meeting at Berkley on Ocracoke with Kris Noble and Will Doerfer, Dempsy
T	28	Benton, Robert Sanders, Erick C., Gordon Myers, Jamin and Rob
W	29	In Swan Quarter - Met with Tammy Blake, Jane Hodges, Justin Gibbs, Will Doerfer
TH	30	Set up for Board of Commissioners Meeting Met with Jessica Gibbs, Sharon Sadler of the Chamber of Commerce - Swan Days
F	31	Ferry to Ocracoke Golden LEAF (Miranda on Mail Land)

Manager's Calendar (August, 2015)

S	1	
S	2	
M	3	Toured Properties for EMS Station Relocation Project Board of Commissioners Meeting on Ocracoke
T	4	
W	5	Blacklands Tour at Circle Grove Farms in Belhaven
TH	6	
F	7	
S	8	VACATION
S	9	
M	10	
T	11	
W	12	
TH	13	
F	14	
S	15	
S	16	Mainland Office
M	17	
T	18	
W	19	
TH	20	NCACC 108th Annual Conference Greenville Convention Center Bill Rich, Will Doerfer, Earl Pugh, Jr.
F	21	
S	22	
S	23	
M	24	Meeting in Dare County
T	25	Met with Dare County Manager Bobby Outten
		Ferry to Ocracoke
		Met with NPS Superintendent Dave Hallac and NC DOT Jed Dixon for ferry meeting
		Meeting about Silver Lake and Ferries
W	26	Ocracoke EMS Relocation Sites
TH	27	Dare County for RPO Meeting
F	28	Mainland Office
		Ferry to Ocracoke
		Met with Governor McCrory
S	29	
S	30	
M	31	Meetings on Ocracoke
		Public Meeting - NC Ferry Division Passenger Ferry Study on Ocracoke

Hyde County Board of Commissioners
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Meeting Date: September 8, 2015
Presenter: Citizens
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUMMARY: The public is invited to use this time to make comments to the County Commissioners on items discussed during this meeting and/or matters not discussed earlier in the meeting.

RECOMMEND: Receive comments.

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Presenter: Board of Commissioners

ITEM TITLE: CLOSED SESSION

SUMMARY: The County Manager may request entering Closed Session in accordance with **NCGS143A-318.11 (a)**

RECOMMEND: Enter into Closed Session if required.

- 1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law.
- 2) To prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary award.
- 3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege.
- 4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses.
- 5) To establish or instruct the public body's staff or agent in negotiating the price or terms of a contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase; or compensation and terms of an employment contract.
- 6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.
- 7) To plan, conduct, or hear reports concerning investigations of alleged criminal misconduct.
- 8) To formulate plans by a local board of education relating to emergency response to incidents of school violence.
- 9) To discuss and take action regarding plans to protect public safety.

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Department Reports



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HYDE

TO THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF HYDE:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED, EMPOWERED, AND COMMANDED TO COLLECT THE TAXES SET FORTH IN THE TAX RECORDS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE HYDE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR AND IN THE TAX RECEIPTS HEREWITH DELIVERED TO YOU, IN THE AMOUNTS AND FROM THE TAXPAYERS LIKEWISE THEREIN SET FORTH. SUCH TAXES ARE HEREBY DECLARED TO BE A FIRST LIEN UPON ALL REAL PROPERTY OF THE RESPECTIVE TAXPAYERS IN THE COUNTY OF HYDE, AND THIS ORDER SHALL BE A FULL AND SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY TO DIRECT, REQUIRE, AND ENABLE YOU TO LEVY ON AND SELL ANY REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OF SUCH TAXPAYERS, FOR AND ON ACCOUNT THEREOF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015

_____(SEAL)
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HYDE COUNTY

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HYDE COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA
HYDE COUNTY
HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

From: Linda M. Basnight Tax Administrator

This is to report all tax collections by the Hyde County Tax Office Employees during the month of August, 2015.

CURRENT TAX

DEPOSITS	COUNTY WIDE	MOSQUITO TAX	SOLID WASTE	WEST QUARTER	INTEREST
\$21,999.49	\$21,710.40	\$87.12	\$0.00 Res \$0.00 Comm	\$10.98	\$0.00
2015 SQWS					
\$ 190.99					

CURRENT DMV

DEPOSITS	COUNTY WIDE	MOSQUITO TAX	INTEREST
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

DELIQUENT DMV

2014	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2013	COUNTY WIDE	\$1.92
	MOSQUITO	\$0.03
2012	COUNTY WIDE	\$1.92
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2011	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2010	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2009	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
		\$0.00
2008	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2007	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2006	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2005	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2004	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2003	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
		\$0.00
		\$0.61
		\$0.00
		\$4.48

INTEREST

DELIQUENT TAX

2014	\$21,223.50
2013	\$11,093.79
2012	\$4,787.67
2011	\$2,251.43
2010	\$1,248.54
2009	\$802.26
2008	\$268.33
2007	\$0.00
2006	\$0.00
2005	\$271.72
2004	\$0.00
2003	\$0.00
2002	\$0.00
SQWS	\$191.57
MOSQUITO TAX	\$304.45
SOLID WASTE RES	\$16.05
SOLID WASTE COMM	\$0.00
INTEREST	\$6,827.33
WEST/QUARTER	\$0.00
LEGAL FEES	
	\$49,286.64

2015 Prepayments

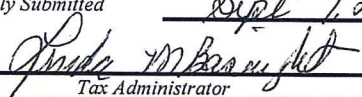
	204770	\$0.74
Allen, Stanley	202035	\$430.46
Gaskins, A Annie G.	200628	\$300.00
Soundview	205174	\$1,000.00
Beckwith, Kermit	202934	\$60.33
2016 Prepayments		
Michael Parlier	206185	\$31.72

\$1,823.25

OVERPAYMENT

Younce, Earl Jr.	200425	2,301.92
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Respectfully Submitted

Sept 7, 2015

Tax Administrator

Chairman of Commissioners

	2014		2015	
	<u>Mainland</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>	<u>Mainland</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
No. Permits Issued				
Residential:	0	0	0	1
Commercial:	0	0	0	0
Other:	11	4	17	4

<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Mainland</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>	<u>Mainland</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Site Visits	5	3	8	5 Site Visits
Investigations	3	0	0	1 Investigations
Inspections	24	2	18	28 Inspections
Conferences	8	2	1	3 Conferences
ODO/Plan Reviews	0	1	0	ODO/Plan Reviews
School	4		3	School
ODO Meeting		1		ODO Meeting

Damage Assessment Mainland

Miles Driven:

Fees Collected from January 2013 to December 2013 \$ 32,158.57 January 2014 to December 2014 \$ 46,574.35 January 2015 to December 2015 \$ 18,906.20

Fees Collected since July 1, 2015 \$ 5,927.15

Fees Collected this Month \$ 2,941.29 County Projection for 2015/2016

July 2015 to June 2016

Building Permit Fees Collected	New Residential/Commercial Construction			
	Renovations, Docks, Bulkhead, etc	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,642.15	\$ 10,357.85
Inspection Fees Collected	Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing, insulation	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 10,750.00
Penalties Collected		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 965.00

Hyde County DSS Programs
Month of July 2015

	Active Cases	Applications Taken	Reviews/Redetermination	Other Changes	
Income Maintenance Programs					
Medicaid	875	7	39	16	
Long Term Care MAA & MAD	37				
Food Stamps	507	21	67	19	
Work First	10	1			
Total					
Medicaid Transportation Program	Transported	Gas	Vouchers	Active Cases	Calls
Medicaid	27	81	3	288	125
Dialysis	0	0	0	0	0
Title III	4	19	0	51	28
Total	31	100	3	339	153
Child Protected Services	Reports	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Request for Assistance	
	7	0	3	1	
Adult Services (Ongoing)	Active CAP Cases	At Risk/SA In Home			
	14	7			
Crisis Intervention	Applications Taken	Approved	Denied		
	12	11	1		
Medication Assistance	Applications Taken	Approved	Denied		
	5	5			
Daycare Services	Mainland	Ocracoke	out of county		
Cases	1	13	3		
Children	4	15	4		

Reviews/Redetermination processed monthly
Cap cases have daily, weekly and monthly contacts
Reviews done every six months

Hyde County DSS Programs
Month of July 2015

	Requested	Approved	Denied
Fishing License	15	15	
Christmas Cheer			
LIEAP			

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**HYDE COUNTY
CHILD SUPPORT UNIT
FY 2015-2016
STATISTICAL REPORT**

	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	YTD Totals	FY 2014-2015
total caseload	187													
ESTABLISHMENT														
paternity tests performed	0												0	0
ENFORCEMENT														
income withholding collections	\$12,246												\$12,246	\$162,003
interstate collections	\$1,492												\$1,492	\$30,448
court collections	\$950												\$950	\$15,620
tax intercept collections	\$266												\$266	\$38,822
unemployment insurance collections	\$320												\$320	\$3,332
incentive collections*	\$0												\$0	\$8,078
IV-E foster care collections	\$0												\$0	\$800
total collections	\$19,761												\$19,761	\$313,060
customers serviced while in the local office	0												0	35

*incentives consist of :TANF Share, IV-E Share, SFHF Share, Incentive, Settlement funds, Tax Intercept Fees, Paternity Test Fees, and Legal Fees

**Child Support Services
Services and Activities Report
For the period
August, 2015**

During FY 2014-2015 the Washington County Child Support Services were on track to maintain top scores on our Self- Assessment. Incentive goals fell short in a few areas only by small percentage points. Workers managed to pursue orders in a manner that was fair to all parties and collect as much as possible to benefit the children. A sluggish economy and little to no economic development in the county created hurdles for collecting child support. For the fiscal year we have scored extremely well on our Self-Assessment goals, as well as on our Incentive Goals.

Scores in Self Assessment indicate that staff members are coding cases appropriately and the documentation in the ACTS system is accurate, when compared to the hard case file in the cabinet. These areas have been of concern around the state in terms of Federal Audits for Data Reliability. This further indicates that workers are completing tasks in a timely fashion, which meets federal timeframe standards.

Below you will find a chart indicating where we stand in regards to Incentive Goals for Performance. These accomplishments ensure that we will maximize our revenues for the fiscal year. The lower chart on this page will indicate our Self Assessment scores as of June 30, 2015.

Incentives	SFY 14-15 Goal	SFY 14-15 Results
Paternity Establishment	100%	97.52%
Total Collections	\$1,778,115	\$1,724,144
Cases Under Order	90%	96.03%
Arrears	67.06%	66.60%
Collection Rate	67.87%	67.61%

Self-Assessment	SFY 14-15 Goal	SFY 14-15 Results
Case Closure	90%	100%
Enforcement	75%	86.23%
Establishment	75%	77.66%
Expedited 12 Month	90%	89.47%
Expedited 6 Month	75%	89.47%
Interstate	75%	91.67%
Review and Adjustment Inclusive	75%	98.52%
Review and Adjustment Needed	75%	92.30%

Public Health and Home Health Monthly Summary Report – July, 2015		
CLINICAL SERVICES	Current Month	Year To Date
Family Planning	15	190
Maternal Health	7	73
Adult Health: Wellness/Primary Care/Chronic Disease/Telemedicine	33	229
BCCCP	8	53
Immunizations	2	104
Seasonal Flu Shots/Flu Mists		
Adults		156
Children		55
STD Treatments		50
Communicable Disease Cases/Investigations		20
TB Treatments (Latent) & Skin Tests	6	84
Child Health (Wellness)	2	27
Child Health (Sick Care)	3	6
Rabies Treatments/Investigations**		2
Dental Varnishing		2
Lab Services	16	102
WIC (Women, Infant & Child Nutrition Assistance)		
WIC – Mainland		
Certifications	13	213
Mid-Certification Assessments	11	71
Pick-ups	13	188
Vendor Trainings	1	2
WIC – Ocracoke (Quarterly)		0
Certifications	3	25
Mid-Certification Assessments	5	10
Pick-ups	4	46
Vendor Trainings		0
PREGNANCY/EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES		
Pregnancy Care Management (for healthy pregnancies and births)		
Current Case Load	10	
Contacts this Month	64	
Attempts (No Contact)	6	
Care Coordination for Children (for healthy children 0-5 years)		
Current Case Load	12	
Contacts this Month	167	
Attempts (No Contact)	20	
Family Connects (for healthy mother/child after birth)	3	
MEDICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		
New Patients Enrolled	1	8
Patients Served	6	185
New Requests	2	29
Reorder Requests	3	141
Medications Requested	5	169
Medications Received	5	150
Medications Delivered	5	144
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH		
Food and Lodging		
F&L Inspections	7	157
F&L Visits	6	61
F&L Pre-Opening Visits	4	20
F&L Permits Issued		16
F&L Permits Suspended		1
F&L Suspensions Lifted		1
F&L Complaint Investigations		1

F&L Consults	7	180
General Sanitation		5
Vector Control	3	7
Animal Control	2	23
Health Education	2	12
On-Site Wastewater		
Sites Visited/Evaluated	38	172
Improvement Permits Issued	4	29
Construction Authorizations	6	49
Other Authorizations		4
Consultative Contacts	67	550
Operation Permits Issued	2	21
Migrant Housing Inspections		2
On-Site Wells		
Well Site Evaluated		4
Grouting Inspections		5
Well Site Construction Visits		3
Well Construction Permits Issued		
Well Certificate of Completion		6
Bacteriological Samples Collected		
Other Sample Collected		13
Well Consultative Contacts	2	44
HEALTH PROMOTION & EDUCATION		
Community Health Assessment (CHA) for 2014 (submitted March of 2015): o Health educator will work with Vidant Beaufort Hospital and the CHA Stakeholder Group to create the 2014 CHA Action Plans (due September of 2015) – Meeting 8/18/15 o CHA results are being communicated to stakeholders and community in various ways Hyde County Change for Good Grant: o HCS ESL Coordinators will be trained in KidShape2.0 and begin implementing program with Spanish-speaking families next school year o Establishing meeting times with primary care providers who serve children in Hyde in order to obtain referrals to afterschool programming o Worksite Wellness initiatives for county businesses/agencies are underway Healthy Communities: o 2015-2016 Action Plan compliments the work being done by the Hyde County Injury Prevention Coalition and Project Lazarus efforts (prescription drug abuse prevention) Hyde Partners for Health/Project Direct LEGACY for Men: o Group received a letter from the Secretary of State confirming that their Articles of Incorporation has been accepted o Advisory Committee considering obtaining 501 (c) 3 status; have formed workgroup to undertake process in coming months o PDL is contributing \$500 towards the cost of seeds for local community gardens New mini-grants: o Healthy Hyde grant proposal to <i>Vidant Community Benefits Grants Program</i> was approved and the HCHD was awarded \$15,000 for various initiatives in July 2015 - This grant will support KBR physical activity and nutrition initiatives o The Hyde County Injury Prevention Coalition's application for funding for prescription drug abuse prevention and response initiatives (<i>Chronic Pain Initiative</i>) has been approved by North Carolina Community Care Networks, Inc. (NCCCN) and half of the funds (\$5,000) was received in July o Albemarle Regional Health Services, being the financial agent for the CDC's <i>Partnerships Improving Community Health (PICH)</i> grant, has reviewed and accepted the HCHD's funding proposal for the use of \$2,250 - Funds are to be spent on tobacco prevention/cessation and healthy foods initiatives - Funds must be spent before the end of September 2015		
Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)		
New Agencies/Community Groups Contacted		97
New Individuals Contacted	1	146
Agencies Visited/Community Group Meetings Attended		45
Total Applications Received for PPP		97
Contacts Trained to deliver PPP		66
Contacts Accredited in PPP		61
HYDELAND HOME CARE		

Current Active Patients		
Home Health Medicare	12	
Home Health Medicaid	21	
Home Health Private Insurance	3	
Community Alternative Program (CAP)	3	
Homemaker	10	
Admissions	7	97
Discharges	6	88
Referrals Received	8	89
Referrals Not Admitted	1	21

Human Resources Dept. Report – September 2015:

- Verified information for vacation/sick leave for employees
- Completed monthly payroll
- Completed and processed monthly vouchers to pay employees' insurances, tax garnishments, child support payments, retirement, etc.
- Daily Tasks - Assisted employees as necessary concerning hours worked, salary, insurance, benefits, retirement, deposit changes, etc.
- Enrolled one full-time employee
- Generated the monthly Human Resources employee newsletter
- Coordinated drug testing of employees
- Coordinated County Personnel Policy update meeting with Department Representatives – reviewed and discussed proposed changes to the manual
- Assisted in interviewing for new Water Department Billing & Collections Manager
- Completed Workers Compensation Audit with Travelers Insurance

Respectively submitted,

Tammy Blake

Informational Items

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS:
WILLIAM "BILL" R. SEXTON, JR., CHAIR
D. COLE PHELPS, VICE-CHAIR
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CLERK TO THE BOARD
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CURTIS POTTER
COUNTY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA SUPPORTING CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) introduced Senate Bill 1648 in the 1st Session of the 114th Congress; and

WHEREAS, this bill is entitled the "Rural Emergency Acute Care Hospital Act"; and

WHEREAS, according to research conducted by the University of North Carolina's Center for Health Services, 55 rural hospitals have closed since January 2010; and

WHEREAS, iVantage conducted a study in 2014 that identified 283 rural hospitals at risk for closing based upon indicators similar to those that have already closed; and

WHEREAS, inpatient volume has been determined as a substantial factor for these at-risk hospitals having an average daily bed census of 2 or less; and

WHEREAS, closure of hospitals has a significant impact by the loss of medical services and emergency medical care to the citizens of the community, as well as the damage to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, SB 1648 creates a Rural Emergency Hospital designation under Medicare that will allow emergency medical services in rural areas without the requirement of inpatient beds; and

WHEREAS, rural emergency hospitals may convert the space previously used for inpatient beds to provide other medical services; and

WHEREAS, the term "rural emergency hospital" applies to facilities that, as of December 31, 2014 were 1) a critical access hospital, 2) a hospital with fewer than 50 beds in a rural community or, 3) a critical access hospital that ceased operations within 5 years prior to the enactment of SB 1648 and ending on December 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a rural emergency hospital would not provide acute care inpatient beds and has protocols in place for timely transfer of patients to inpatient facilities; and

WHEREAS, a qualifying rural hospital can elect this designation and can receive approval from the State to operate as a rural emergency hospital; and

WHEREAS, services provided by a rural emergency hospital are on an outpatient basis; and,

WHEREAS, payment to hospital medical providers for rural emergency hospital services or other providers of ambulance services to transfer patients who require acute care inpatient services from a rural emergency hospital is equal to 110 percent of the reasonable costs of providing such services; and

WHEREAS, costs associated with having a back-up physician available by telecommunications shall be considered reasonable costs; and,

WHEREAS, the State shall certify a facility as a rural emergency hospital by verifying that the facility is 1) verified by the American College of Surgeons as having the resources required of a level IV trauma center or higher or, 2) employs healthcare professionals who successfully completed the Advanced Trauma Life Support Course offered by the American College of Surgeons within the preceding 4 years; and,

WHEREAS, for every critical access hospital in a State designated as a rural emergency hospital, the State will have the option to waive the distance requirement; and,

WHEREAS, the Rural Emergency Acute Care Hospital Act permits hospitals with approved residency programs in emergency medicine to include time spent by interns and residents in the emergency room in the full-time equivalent count; and,

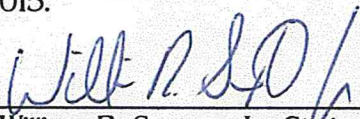
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Washington, North Carolina that:

Section 1. The County of Washington strongly supports Senator Grassley's "Rural Emergency Acute Care Hospital Act" and encourages the Senate and the House of Representatives to enact it promptly into law; and

Section 2. The County Manager, County Attorney and Clerk to the Board of Commissioners are directed to forward copies of this resolution to Senator Richard Burr, Senator Thom Tillis, Congressman Walter B. Jones, Jr. and Congressman G.K. Butterfield and all North Carolina county and municipal clerks.

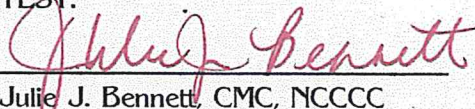
Section 3. This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of August, 2015.



William R. Sexton, Jr., Chair
Washington County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Julie J. Bennett, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board





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"Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails"

WHEREAS, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jails each year; and

WHEREAS, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in confinement facilities are three to six times higher than for the general population, with statistics showing that almost 13% of North Carolina's prison population requires some type of intervention due to mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders; and

WHEREAS, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs; and

WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses can continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals, their families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, county jails are generally an unsafe environment for those with mental health treatment needs; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners has undertaken a serious effort to address the local service needs of those with mental illnesses through the appointment of a special Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Perquimans County, like all counties, takes pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of our residents in efficient, safe, and socially just ways; and

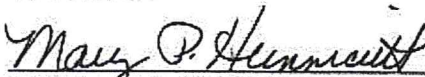
WHEREAS, through the Stepping Up Initiative, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation are encouraging counties to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in county jails;

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners, Perquimans County,

1. That the Board of Commissioners does hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail and commits to sharing lessons learned with other counties in North Carolina and across the country to support the Stepping Up Initiative; and
2. That the Board of Commissioners will utilize resources available through the Stepping Up Initiative and other resources provided by the Council of State Governments Justice Center to convene a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies who are committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails, and
3. That this team will utilize the comprehensive resources available through the Stepping Up Initiative to develop a plan to reduce the number of people with mental illness in the county jail for 2016-2020, consistent with the Council of State Governments Justice Center report and recommendations, to be presented to the Board of Commissioners at its first meeting in December 2015.

PASSED AND APPROVED in this 3rd day of August, 2015.

ATTESTED:


Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners


Janice McKenzie Cole, Chair
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners





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RESOLUTION BY THE PERQUIMANS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 369

THAT WHEREAS, the North Carolina Senate introduced Senate Bill 369, an act to phase-in the conversion of the local sales and use taxes authorized under Articles 39, 40 and 42 to a state sales and use tax that is allocated to counties and cities on a per capita basis as a local revenue source, which is also known as the Sales Tax Fairness Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act would eliminate most local sales taxes, such as the county-levied sales taxes, and convert them to a state sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the State would then distribute the funds to counties and cities based on population; and

WHEREAS, based on recommendation by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, the Act was revised to keep the tax as County-levied; and

WHEREAS, Perquimans County's population has grown considerably in recent years, outpacing retail and commercial growth, causing residents to go out of county to shop; and

WHEREAS, under the current system of sales tax allotment, Perquimans County loses large amounts of sales tax dollars to neighboring counties; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Perquimans County lost approximately \$54 million in potential retail spending from residents shopping and dining outside of the county; and

WHEREAS, under Senate Bill 369, the Fiscal Research Division of the North Carolina General Assembly estimates Perquimans County would gain \$1.5 million in sales tax revenue in 2018-19 over the current allocation; and

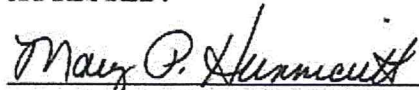
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners:

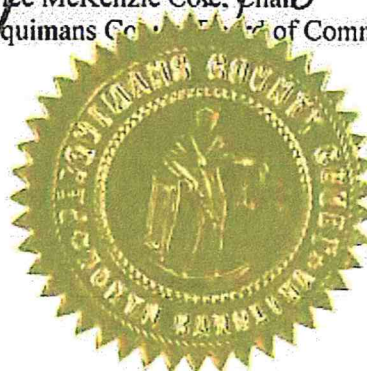
1. Declares its support of Senate Bill 369, as revised; and
2. Urges the North Carolina General Assembly to pass Senate Bill 369; and
3. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to members of Perquimans County's State delegation and to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED the 3rd day of August, 2015.


Janice McKenzie Cole, Chair
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

ATTESTED:


Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners





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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERQUIMANS COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN

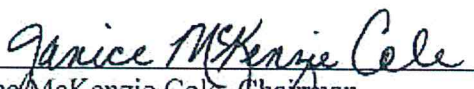
WHEREAS, Session Law 2015-112 was enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly on June 24, 2015 allowing units of local government, including Perquimans County, to enroll in the North Carolina State Health Plan; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 135-48.47 requires Perquimans County to submit a resolution legally adopting the North Carolina State Health Plan for provision of health insurance benefits to employees and their dependents; and

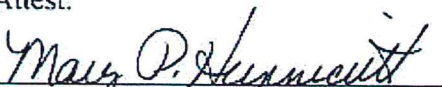
WHEREAS, by adopting this Resolution Perquimans County agrees to comply with all the statutory requirements of an existing employing unit under Chapter 135 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Perquimans County wishes to be considered for enrollment of its employees in the North Carolina State Health Plan and, in doing so, would agree at a minimum, to make contributions as required by the provisions of the State Health Plan.

Adopted this 3rd day of August, 2015.


Janice McKenzie Cole, Chairman
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board



**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CLEAN WATER RULE AND SUPPORTING ANY
LEGISLATIVE MEANS THAT WOULD STOP THE FINAL CLEAN WATER RULE
UNTIL IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES ARE RESOLVED**

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Rule (herein "Rule") becomes law effective August 28, 2015, after the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers published their final *Definition of Waters of the U.S. Under the Clean Water Act*, which has been renamed the "Clean Water Rule," in the Federal Register; and

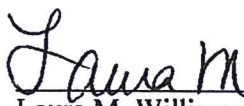
WHEREAS, this Rule changes the definition of "Waters of the U.S." as originally defined under the United States Clean Water Act by broadening the types of waters that are considered to be under federal (jurisdictional) regulation and permitting authority. Consequently, state and local governments could be affected significantly because of the final Rule's definition of tributary, adjacency, regional water bodies and 100-year flood plain designations, including state, county and city-owned and maintained roadside ditches, bridges, flood-control channels, drainage conveyances and storm water features and wastewater recycling infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Rule could have financially burdensome impacts on state and local governments as governmental entities will likely need to utilize substantial staff time while attempting to navigate the final Rule's arduous regulations and ambiguous definitions of certain waters of the U.S.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Moore County Board of Commissioners requests all the local governments, State of North Carolina, North Carolina General Assembly and Governor Pat McCrory to adopt similar Resolutions and to request the support of United States Senator Thom Tillis, United States Senator Richard Burr and all United States Representatives for North Carolina's Congressional Districts to enact any legislative method that would halt the final Rule until all implementation issues have been resolved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk to the Board of Moore County Commissioners sends this Resolution to all those stated above.

Adopted this 18th day of August 2015.


Laura M. Williams
Clerk to the Board




Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

Columbus County

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August 25, 2015

Mr. Todd McGee
Public Relations Director
North Carolina Association of County Commissioners
323 West Jones Street, Suite 500
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

IN RE: Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails

Dear Mr. McGee:

Enclosed please find the above referenced document which was unanimously approved at the July 20, 2015 Board Meeting.

We, as a board, do agree and support to whatever measures need to be enforced to curtail the number.

We thank you for all that you do for counties.

Sincerely,

June B. Hall

JUNE B. HALL
Clerk to Board of County Commissioners

/jbh

Enclosure

c.c. Clerks

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



“STEPPING UP INITIATIVE to REDUCE the NUMBER of PEOPLE with MENTAL ILLNESSES in JAILS”

WHEREAS, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jails each year; **and**

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WHEREAS, county jails are generally an unsafe environment for those with mental health treatment needs; **and**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners has undertaken a serious effort to address the local service needs of those with mental illnesses through the appointment of a special Task Force; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County, like all counties, takes pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of our residents in efficient, safe, and socially just ways; **and**

WHEREAS, through the Stepping Up Initiative, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation are encouraging counties to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in county jails.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, Columbus County:

1. That the Board of Commissioners does hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail and commits to sharing lessons learned with other counties in North Carolina and across the country to support the Stepping Up Initiative;
2. That the Board of Commissioners will utilize resources available through the Stepping Up Initiative and other resources provided by the Council of State Governments Justice Center to convene a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies who are committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails; **and**
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APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 20th day of July, 2015.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS




TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:


SAMANTHA E. ALSUP, Deputy Clerk



Avian Influenza



Waterfowl Carry the Virus!

The fall migration of waterfowl is expected to bring avian influenza to NC. Prevent direct contact with free-flying birds & protect your poultry from contact with feces of wild birds.

KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS!

- *Lack of energy & appetite
- *Decreased egg production
- *Coughing & sneezing
- *Depression
- *Swelling of the head, eyelids, & comb
- *Purple discoloration of wattles, combs, & legs
- *Stumbling, falling down, diarrhea
- *Sudden death



If you suspect avian influenza, report it!

NCDA&CS Veterinary Division
919.733.7601

USDA Toll-Free Hotline
1-866-536-7593

REGISTER YOUR BIRDS!

This includes chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, swan, game birds (pheasant, quail, etc), pigeons, doves, and exotic birds!

Registering your birds will help the NCDA&CS alert poultry owners about an outbreak!

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If you have any questions contact:

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Leon Owens
Center Director

August 14, 2015

Hyde County Commissioners
PO Box 188
Swan Quarter, NC 27885

Dear Commissioners,

As the summer comes to a close, Caswell Developmental Center is busy planning for the upcoming Christmas season. We are, once again, seeking support for our ***Operation Santa Claus Project*** from the County Commissioners. A successful project ensures that every individual who lives at the Center will receive \$75.00 worth of gifts on Christmas morning. Filling the Christmas wishes of all 337 individuals including 1 individual from Hyde County is quite an undertaking for the Volunteer Services Department. We are confident with the support of our County Commissioners the *Operation Santa Claus Project* will again be successful.

Caswell Developmental Center has been enhancing the quality of life for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families since opening its doors in 1914. We look forward to continuing our tradition of spreading Christmas cheer and hope that you will join us by making a contribution to our *2015 Operation Santa Claus Project by making a check to payable to Caswell Center Foundation for OSC*. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danielle Howell".

Danielle Howell, Director
Volunteer Services Department

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<sarah.johnson@hydecountync.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 7:59 AM
To: Bill Rich; Lois Stotesberry
Subject: Public comment for September BoC meeting

Lois,

Attached is a link to an article regarding the recent announcement of the Amazon wind farm in eastern NC. In an email, Mrs. Catherine Mitchell wrote, "F.Y.I. these local counties are really benefiting from this, Jobs, tax revenue and reduction in energy costs! I think Dare and especially Hyde should look into this."

Link: <http://www.coastalreview.org/2015/08/officials-tout-amazon-wind-farm-deal/>

Thanks,

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Officials Tout Amazon Wind Farm Deal

08/05/2015 by [Catherine Kozak](#)

ELIZABETH CITY — In a remarkable convergence of happenstance and politics, this conservative Southern river town has become a prime example of the innovative energy technology that the Obama administration is now aggressively pursuing.



Officials dig in shovels July 14 during a ceremonial groundbreaking for the Amazon Wind Farm U.S. East, the first commercial-scale wind farm in the state. Photo: Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County Economic Development Commission

Three weeks before Obama's announcement on Monday about stricter carbon standards for power plants, the Amazon Wind Farm U.S. East, the first commercial-scale wind farm in the state, broke ground on 22,000 acres of farmland near Elizabeth City and Hertford, in Pasquotank and Perquimans counties, respectively.

"I think that this is a just another piece of evidence that shows that clean energy policy is working for North Carolina," said Maggie Clark, government affairs associate for the N.C. Sustainable Energy Association. "It really does go back to being an economic development success story."

Built and operated by Iberdrola Renewables at Desert Wind, the \$400 million project's first phase will include construction of 104 turbines that generate up to 208 megawatts of energy. The power will be sold to online retail and technology behemoth Amazon as renewable energy credits that will offset electricity used at its cloud data centers in Ohio and Virginia.

"That was the cherry on top of the sundae," said Wayne Harris, director of the Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County Economic Development Commission, referring to the Amazon deal of which he learned the night before the groundbreaking on July 14.



Wayne Harris

Overall, he said, the Iberdrola announcement has been a "pinch me, I'm dreaming" moment. Not only will there will be 250 jobs created to build the wind farm, which is expected to begin generating power by December 2016, Harris said, it will also require 10 permanent positions to operate it. The company will also get a 94 percent tax rebate in the first year and a projected 25 percent discount after 15 years.

But there are significant financial dividends for the two counties: 62 landowners will be paid about \$6,000 a year for each turbine on their land, with increases in future years. Iberdrola will also pay \$5,000 per tower – 54 in Perquimans, 50 in Pasquotank – in taxes each year, with 1½-percent annual inflation rate increases.

"That's \$250,000 a year to Pasquotank, which makes Iberdrola comfortably the largest taxpayer in Pasquotank," Harris said, adding that Perquimans will enjoy a similar windfall.

In North Carolina's [rankings](#) of the economic well-being of its 100 counties, Pasquotank and Perquimans have each consistently been rated a Tier 1 county, the bottom rung, based on population and poverty. In 2015, of all N.C. counties Pasquotank ranked No. 26 and Perquimans No. 64 in economic distress, with the lower number being worse.

Support for Clean Energy

Although the Iberdrola-Amazon announcement preceded release of Obama's carbon-reduction mandate, the wind farm coincides with the president's goal to encourage use of clean energy sources. The new Environmental Protection Agency rule will require power producers by 2030 to reduce carbon emissions 32 percent below the levels they were a decade ago.

Gov. Pat McCrory has been supportive of renewable energy development in the state, and he spoke at the event last month.



Gov. Pat McCrory

"The Amazon Wind Farm is a significant step toward diversifying North Carolina's energy resources," McCrory said. "Bringing onshore wind production to North Carolina is part of my 'all of the above' energy strategy. By diversifying our energy resources, we can provide affordable reliable, and secure sources of energy that are environmentally clean and safe."

While Iberdrola is now a done deal, some state legislators have tried to pass a bill that would freeze renewable energy and energy efficiency portfolio standards that many believe have encouraged development of solar and wind projects in the state. State law currently requires utilities to produce at least 12.5 percent of their electrical power with renewable energies by 2021.

"Right now, as a state, we're at 6 percent and the utilities are on the path to compliance," said Clark. "The bill ([H-332](#)) would essentially freeze it at 6 percent."

In a controversial move in May, Sen. Bob Rucho, R-Mecklenburg, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, deemed that the bill had passed in committee, despite a [voice vote](#) that appears to show that it failed. But Rucho refused to allow a show of hands.



Sen. Bob Rucho

No further action has yet been taken on the bill, Clark said. But Clark said that the state is sending mixed signals that could spook continued investments in renewable power sources.

In recent years, North Carolina has become one of the leaders nationwide in development of utility-scale solar energy, and there is interest in numerous wind projects.

“It’s quite a bit of money coming into the state,” she said. “We look to the legislature to attract economic development into our state and for that, we need policy certainty.”

In addition to Amazon, she said, Apple, Google and Facebook each have interests in renewable energy in North Carolina. “I think that this is really telling that large multinational companies are choosing clean energy,” Clark said.

In a [letter](#) sent to the General Assembly in June, 11 business leaders in the state asked that the Renewable Energy Investment Tax Credit, which is scheduled to expire on Dec. 31, be continued.

“Access to renewable energy technologies can be difficult for companies like ours in highly regulated electricity markets such as North Carolina,” the letter said. “Nonetheless, these technologies allow our company to meet our financial and sustainability goals and are important to our success in North Carolina . . . The (tax credit) makes these technologies accessible, improving North Carolina’s business climate.”

Clearing the Hurdles

Paul Copleman, spokesman for Iberdrola, said equipment is expected on the ground in a couple of weeks to improve existing roads and develop access roads for tower locations. Turbine delivery will not happen until next year.



Shown is the site of Amazon Wind Farm U.S. East, operated by Iberdrola Renewables at Desert Wind. Photo: Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County Economic Development Commission

Copleman said that the company is hopeful the second phase of construction, installation of an additional 46 turbines, will be scheduled in a few years, after the company and the Defense Department complete a study of the potential effects of wind-power turbines on Navy radar. Copleman said that the company believes that the military’s concerns have been addressed in the first phase design and that there will be no effect on radar.

“That will be an important understanding that we will need to get our arms around before moving to Phase II,” he said.

Copleman said that Iberdrola has secured all necessary state and federal permits for the project, and has worked with “an alphabet soup of agencies and entities” to mitigate effects on birds, bats and the environment surrounding the project.

“That’s one of the reasons it took five years to get to this point,” he said.

Iberdrola was stalled for a while in trying to find the right buyer for the large amount of energy – about 670,000 megawatt hours – the farm is expected to produce annually. That’s enough to power 61,000 homes for one year, according to a press release from Amazon Web Services.

Copleman said the company persisted because it viewed the undeveloped location as attractive and viable.

"It's the intersection of a consistent, steady wind with access to transmission lines, a supportive community and participating landowners," he said. "We're excited to have reached this point and we're looking forward to a longstanding relationship. We're looking at this as a very long-term investment."

The towers, which with a blade pointing straight up will stand about 500 feet tall, will be visible from the Tanglewood Pavilions off Halstead Boulevard and the U.S. 17 bypass, Harris said. The project area is about 15 miles from the Albemarle Sound and 30 miles from the Atlantic Ocean.

But with "extremely generous setbacks" in the vast farmland, Harris said noise is very unlikely to be an issue with the turbines.

Harris said Elizabeth City is happy to host the first commercial wind farm in the state. He welcomed the attention the groundbreaking event received from more than 120 media outlets.

"The only thing that came close was in 2007, when Ron Paul rented a blimp," he said.

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Engelhard Sanitary District

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Engelhard Sanitary District Receives Grant Funds

On August 19, 2015, the District was informed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development of its obligation of grant funding to the District. The grant of \$25,000 is to be used for required preliminary engineering studies, needed in order to repair the Engelhard wastewater treatment plant.

For the past three months, the District has been working with the USDA and the District's engineer to move forward with state mandated repairs and to obtain grant/loan funding. The wastewater treatment system lagoon has continued to fail over the past several years due to design issues inconsistent with the areas' heavily organic soils. By state order, no additional wastewater users may be added to the system until repairs are made, despite several nearby residents with failing individual septic systems who are in need.

The repairs to the wastewater system are currently estimated to cost \$1,300,000, a cost far beyond the means of the local system. The USDA has pre-qualified the District for the maximum potential of grant funds, although until the engineering reports and application are presented and approved, any further grants are unknown. The District Board is hopeful that the grant and loan terms will be sufficient to prevent any adjustments to user rates.

The District hopes to have the engineering studies completed in the next 30 days and be ready to submit the project application to the USDA on or about October 1, the start of the federal fiscal year. With good fortune, the project may be able to be permitted and proceed on or about January 1, 2016 and will take approximately twelve to eighteen months.

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The Hyde County Board of Elections board members meet for their regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Hyde County Elections Office located on the second floor of the Hyde County Government Center in Swan Quarter. Additional meetings are scheduled as per General Statutes. Below is the 2015 monthly board meeting schedule. These dates are subject to change.

January 13th
February 10th
March 10th
April 14th
May 12th
June 9th

***July 21st**
***August 18th**
September 8th
October 13th
November 10th
No meeting in December

*Dates / Times changed or added in accordance to the North Carolina General Statutes